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Applicant(s): Okazaki, A.

Group Art Unit: TBA

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For: REACTIVE MONOMER COMPOSITION MODIFIED BY A SMALL-AMOUNT
OF LACTONES, AN ACRYLIC POLYOL RESIN, A CURABLE RESIN
COMPOSITION, AND A COATING COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In The Specification

Please insert enclosed Figures 1 and 2 into the specification.

REMARKS

Entry of Figures 1 and 2 does not introduce new matter into the specification. Both Figures are described on page 48 under "Brief Description of Drawings." The data shown in Figure 1 is a graphic representation of the same data shown in tabular form in Table 1 at page 239 of applicant's specification. The data show in Figure 2 is a graphic representation of the same data shown in tabular form in Table 6 at page 244 of applicant's specification. No new matter is introduced into the specification by the addition of Figures 1 and 2. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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AUTHORIZATION

No additional fee is believed to be necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1776-4027.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1776-4066. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Prior to calculating the filing fees for this application, please cancel claims 8-10, 13-20, 23-25, 28-30, 38, 41-45, 48-54, 57, 58, 62-70, 74-81, and 84 without prejudice to applicants' right to file claims to this subject matter later in this application or in divisional or continuation applications. Applicants are canceling the multiple dependent claims to simplify filing and to reduce costs.

Please amend claim 26 to read as follows. A marked-up version of the claim indicating insertions and deletions is included in an Appendix to this paper.

26. (Amended) A melamine-curable type water-based coating composition comprising 5-30 parts by weight of an acrylic polyol resin (A) obtained using a hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylate composition (a) modified by a small amount of lactones represented by the above-described general formula (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein a proportion of monomers having not less than 2 continuous chains ($n \geq 2$) of lactones is less than 50% (GPC area %), as polymerizing components, and 10-60 parts by weight of an amino-plasto resin (IV-B).

AUTHORIZATION

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APPENDIX

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